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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5982

Biometric Enhancement for Airport-Risk Reduction Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 20, 2008

H.R. 5982 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a working group to study and identify best practices for using biometric identification systems to screen airport employees with access to secure areas of airports. Based on information from DHS and assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million in 2009 and \$250,000 annually thereafter. That estimate includes one-time costs of preparing the proposed study and ongoing costs to operate the working group. Enacting H.R. 5982 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5982 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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